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Introduction

In the early days of the art of video its practitioners had to spend a disproportionate amount of time simply in explaining it. The claim to be taken seriously was at first not easy to establish, perhaps because video's most interesting and challenging aspects lay precisely in where it differed from other art forms (including film) which it superficially resembled. It posed in a tangible and demanding way certain questions about time and perception which had previously been theoretical, and in the process it acquired a social and political thrust which occasionally overshadowed the aesthetic implications and their impact.

The New York State Council on the Arts can pride itself, I think, on having extended considerable support to video groups and video artists ever since our major funding program began in 1970. This was then a rather conspicuous and lonely position, since few other grants-making institutions wanted to be active in so risky and obstreperous as field. But where a new art form is concerned there is much to be said for erring on the side of trust and hope, and looking back there is no reason to regret having done so with video.

The days of having to defend it and describe its potential service to society have long since passed. But video is still a new enough development in the history of communication and expression that many people who would like to know more about it (including video artists and practitioners themselves) are not quite sure where to turn.

This directory of resources is intended to be one point of reference in that quest. It grew out of the needs experienced by the Council's TV/Media staff, advisory panel, arists and groups in the field, and a wide range of organizations across the state. It has been a collaborative effort of considerable size and scope, the credit for which all contributors can properly share. The determination and perseverance of Lydia Silman in seeing it through to publication and distribution, however, calls for special acknowledgment and appreciation.

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Regional Delineation

The entries in this publication are arranged according to the following regional defineations. The map indicates where these regions are located in relation to the counties in the state.

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Suffolk Kings New York
Nassau Richmond Bronx
Queens

2) Hudson-Catskill-Adirondack

Greene Fulton Westchester Saratoga Columbia Rockland Washington Schoharie Orange Hamilton Albany Putnam Warren Sullivan Rensselaer Essex Montgomery Ulster Schenectady Dutchess

3) Southern Tier

| Southern Her Broome Chemung Otsego Chenango Schuyler Delaware Cordland Steuben Tompkins Tipoa Allegany

4) Syracuse-North Country

5) Rochester

Seneca Ontario Livingston Wayne Yates Monroe

6) Buffalo-Western New York

Orleans Erie Cattaraugus
Genesee Chautauqua Wyoming
Niagara

